The Hix Brothers Dairy

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end of the Civil War, many soldiers settled in this area and were good customers for his store since they drew pensions."

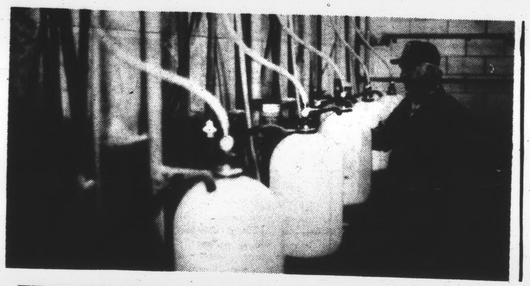
The ambitious Hix ancestor also served as a matchmaker, hunting wives for the former soldiers and performing marriage ceremonies for them. "He was said to be a pretty shrewd fellow. I guess none of us took after him because we just barely make it," joked William.

The Hix brothers continued operation of the general store until 1969 when they decided to concentrate all efforts on the Grade-A dairy. By improving the feeding program and breeding top animals, John and William brought their herd average from 11,500 pounds to the highest producing herd in the county in just ten years.

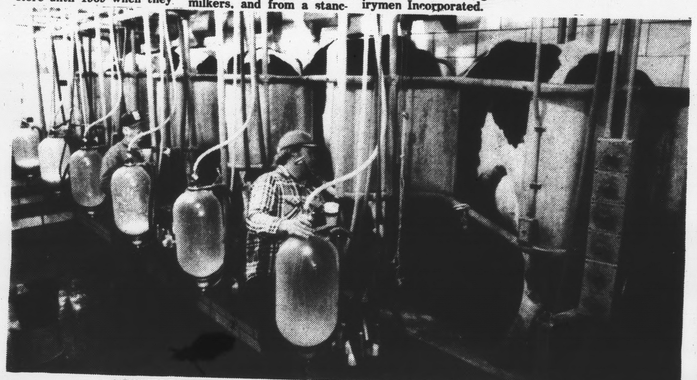
"We've seen a lot of changes since we entered dairying," said John, age 54, and eldest of the two brothers. "We've gone from milking by hand to electric milkers, from milk cans to a refrigerator bulk tank, from pail milkers to pipeline milkers, and from a stanchion parlor to a pit parlor."

"Our boys don't realize how it was when we had to milk twice a day," John recalled. "You couldn't go any further away than you could get back for the evening's milking." Now with a homespun labor force of four boys, milking chores are rotated allowing for more freedom.

The Hix "black-and-whites" are milked twice daily in a double-six herringbone milking parlor built four years ago. The milk is stored in a 1,500 gallon tank and marketed through Dairymen Incorporated.



THE HIX BROTHERS DAIRY is the top dairy in Appomattox County with a herd average of 17,000 pounds of milk per cow. In ten years, the Hix brothers, William [pictured] and John, have increased their herd average from 11,500 pounds to 2,000 pounds above the state average.



A DOUBLE-SIX herringbone parlor was built four years ago for faster, more efficient milking of the 120 Holsteins. Here William [far left] and John's son, David, pull evening milking duty.

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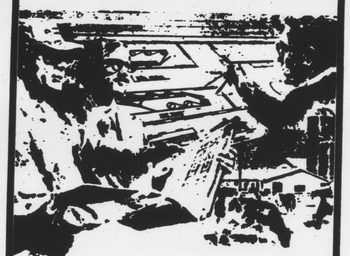

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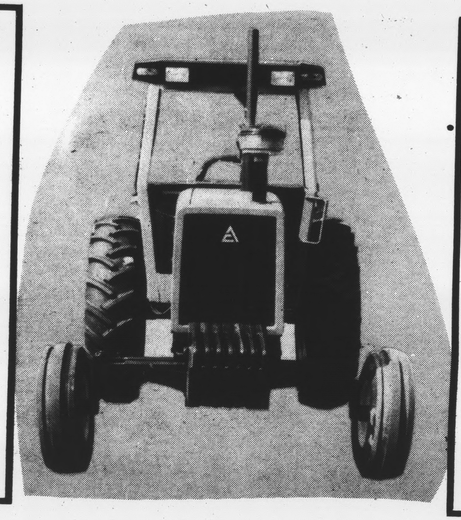

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